

WHEREAS, child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on collaborative efforts among people in the community; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3 million children are reported abused and neglected in this country each year; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, the medical and business community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, **Name of Your Organization** and the Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect are collaborating to promote awareness on issues concerning abused and neglected children; and

Now, Therefore, I Public Official do hereby proclaim April as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

And call up on all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to participate in our efforts to prevent child abuse, by wearing or displaying a blue ribbon in April, as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse in the communities in which we live.